UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

IN RE:)
SYSTEMS INTEGRATION AND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION) Case No. 13-10826-RGM
Debtor-in-Possession))) Chapter 11

APPLICATION TO EMPLOY ATTORNEY UNDER GENERAL RETAINER

The application of the debtor respectfully represents:

- 1. On February 2, 2103, the debtor filed its petition for reorganization under Chapter 11.
- 2. Gregory M. Counts, ("Counts") filed the petition for the debtor. Counts had also filed a petition under chapter 11 in this Court for the principal of the debtor, Mary D. Slaey [Case No. 13-10541-RGM].
- 3. On March 8, 2013, Counts filed an application to be employed as debtor's counsel in this proceeding [Docket No. 17].
- 4. On April 17, 2013, the Office of the US Trustee filed an objection to Counts' application [Docket No. 31].
- 5. After a hearing on the employment status, Counts was advised that he could not represent both this debtor and Slaey but could represent one of them. Counts chose Slaey and withdrew his application in this proceeding [Docket No. 37]. Thus, your applicant is currently without counsel and must obtain such counsel to continue with this proceeding.
- 6. On July 8, 2013, the debtor's representation consulted with Bennett A. Brown. Your applicant wishes to employ the said Bennett A. Brown as its attorney in this matter.

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7. Your applicant has selected this attorney for the reason that he has had considerable experi-

ence in matters of this character, and applicant believes him to be well qualified to represent it in this

proceeding.

8. That the professional services, which this attorney is to render, are the general representation

of applicant that may be necessary herein.

9. That your applicant wishes to employ this attorney under a general retainer agreement

because of the extensive legal services which applicant anticipates will be required and pay him the

retainer fees requested in said agreement. A copy of said retainer agreement is attached hereto as

Exhibit Aand incorporated herein by this reference.

10. That to the best of applicant's knowledge, this attorney has no interest adverse to the

applicant or his estate in any of the matters upon which he is to be engaged, and has no connection with

the debtor, creditor or any other party in interest, their respective attorneys or accountants, the United

States Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee. A declaration of the

proposed attorney is attached.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that it be authorized to employ Bennett A. Brown as its

attorney under a general retainer agreement, to pay said attorney a retainer of \$10,000.00, as set forth in

the retainer agreement, which may only be drawn upon with prior Court approval, and that it have such

other and further relief as is just.

Date: July 10, 2013

SYSTEMS INTEGRATION AND

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By counsel

/s/ Bennett A. Brown

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OBJECTIONS TO APPOINTMENT

ANY OBJECTIONS OT THE APPOINTMENT OF BENNETT A. BROWN AS DEBTOR'S COUNSEL MUST BE MADE IN WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THIS APPLICATION UPON YOU. OBJECTIONS MUST BE IN WRITING AND FILED WITH THE CLERK U. S. BANKRUPTCY COURT, 200 S. WASHINGTON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314, WITH A COPY TO COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of this application was mailed, postage prepaid, or electronically, this 10th day of July, 2013, to the persons or entities set forth on the attached list.

/s/ Bennett A. Brown
Counsel for debtor

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DECLARATION OF PROPOSED ATTORNEY

The undersigned, Bennett A. Brown, declares as follows:

- 1. That I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 2. To the best of my knowledge I am a disinterested person and have nor represent any interest adverse to the debtor or its estate, have no connection with the debtor, creditors or any other party in interest, their respective attorneys or accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee.
 - 3. This declaration is executed under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746.

Date: July 10, 2013	/s/ Bennett A. Brown	
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RETAINER AGREEMENT

TO: THE LAW OFFICE OF BENNETT A. BROWN

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 8th day of July 2013, by and between BENNETT A. BROWN, hereinafter referred to as Attorney, party of the first part, and SYSTEMS INTEGRATION AND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, hereinafter referred to as Client, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

Attorney shall represent Client under a general retainer agreement dealing with certain financial issues of Client, including representation in a pending chapter 11 proceeding in the US Bankruptcy Curt for the Eastern District of Virginia.

On all matters that Attorney agrees to represent Client, Client agrees to pay Attorney at the rate of Four Hundred, Fifty Dollars (\$450.00) per hour. Attorney shall bill client on a monthly basis and any bill so tendered shall be due upon Court approval. Client will deposit a retainer of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) upon approval by the US Bankruptcy Court of his appointment, and an additional FIVE THOSUAND and 00/100 DOLLARS within THIRTY (30) days thereafter, to be held by Attorney pursuant to this agreement. To the extent available, Attorney shall be permitted to draw upon any retainer or proceeds collected by Attorney, to pay any outstanding bills, upon Court approval.

In addition to fees, Client shall be responsible for all out of pocket expenses incurred by Attorney in his representation of Client, including but not limited to as follows:

- a. Court filing fees
- b. Court reporter's and deposition costs
- c. Copies at 25¢/page
- d. Long distance telephone
- e. Overnight delivery or local courier service

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Should Attorney be required to seek collection of any sums due him, then Client agrees to pay, in addition to any such sums due Attorney, a collection fee equal to Twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of all sums due Attorney, Court fees and interest at the rate of Eight percent (8%) per annum.

Attorney shall use his best efforts to represent Client in all matters in which he is engaged. Client acknowledges that Attorney represents other parties in other legal matters and may not be immediately available at all times to respond to Client. Attorney and Client agree to utilize e-mail as their preferred method of communication but Client may contact Attorney at any reasonable time at his telephone number above, including his cellular number.

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon notice to the other party, subject to any ethical constraints.

WITNESS the following signatures:

THE LAW OFFICE OF BENNETT A. BROWN

By: /s/ Bennett A. Brown
Bennett A. Brown

SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATION CORPORATION

By:

Mary D. Slaev, President